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TO: Secretary of State DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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[REDACTED] informed Embassy officer that he had had three conversations with Prime Minister before his departure for Pregny and that Duvieusart (EMBTTEL 984, June 23) had no idea what King intends to do. Source said Prime Minister stands before locked door which he is about to open and no one knows what is behind.

Regent had always insisted on "national" solution and he would not deviate from that position.

Asked whether royal decree would be promulgated after joint session of two chambers ending regency and if so who would sign decree, source stated that law creating regency provided that it would be ended by joint vote of two houses and no decree was necessary. Source said that when it is decided hold joint session Regent will withdraw and from then on will consider himself no longer Chief of State and take no further official actions. Accordingly source warned Prime Minister that should he wish to vote such urgent matters such as provisional credits he should do so before proposing joint session since otherwise necessary decrees could not be promulgated pending restoration of King.

Prime Minister informed Regent he wishes propose vote of thanks to Prince with financial provision. Regent replied he would only accept such provision if it is voted by other parties as well.

Accordingly our source thought that depending on King's decision--and source wondered whether King had as yet made up his mind--the joint vote of the two chambers could at

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